

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
June 11, 2018
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Alan Van Raalte, Jim Winkler, and Mitch Ives. Kim Simac excused.

Others present: Steve Nelson, Lynn Feldman, Myles Alexander, Michele Sadauskas, Karl Jennrich, Eileen Lonsdorf, Fred Andrist, Theresa Seabloom, Becky Gaskill, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting it was properly posted. The facility is handicapped accessible.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jensen/Van Raalte to approve today's agenda with the order of the items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes: Van Raalte/Winkler made a motion to approve the 5/14/18 minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

July 9, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room
August 13, 2018	1:00 p.m.	UWEX Conference Room

LWCD Update:

Michele Sadauskas had no updates at this time.

Thunder Lake District Report – Jim Winkler

Winkler attended the Thunder Lake District June 2 meeting. The District has \$25,000 annually for expenditures. They plan on having quarterly meetings and the officers are in place.

Act 134 Mining & Oneida County Ordinance Amendment - Karl Jennrich -Public Hearing Results

The Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, June 6 at the Rhinelander High School Auditorium from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The ordinance amendment will repeal all the existing language of Article 6, Section 9.61, Metallic Mineral Exploration, Prospecting and Mining of Chapter 9 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance. The revisions are due to the 2017 Wisconsin Act 134. The ordinance amendment will also recreate Section 9.61 to regulate metallic mineral exploration, bulk sampling, and mining. The ordinance amendment will create Section 9.62, Moratorium on Bulk Sampling, as part of Article 6 of Chapter 9, Section 9.62, where a moratorium on bulk sampling will be for 18 months, up to and including January 1, 2020. There are three meetings scheduled for Section 9.61 Metallic Mineral Exploration. The meetings will be held on Monday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m., and Wednesday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m. Discussion and or a decision on a resolution will be forwarded to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors. It will have to be put into resolution format by Wednesday. It has to be to the county clerk by Thursday, at 9:30 a.m. Comments are on both ends of the spectrum where some feel the Ordinance too restrictive and others said not restrictive enough. Any amendments must be submitted soon, before the County Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda Items – Land and Water Conservation:

- a. Approve out-of-county travel requests: Sadauskas.
- b. Approve monthly budget report(s)
- c. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- d. Line item transfers-None

A motion was made by Jensen/Winkler to accept items a through c, travel requests, monthly budget report, and accept the monthly expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: 2:15 p.m. Sadauskus, Jennrich and Lonsdorf.

County Fair Report / Update- Jim Winkler

Winkler said they have a hazards report from Emergency Management updated for the Fair. All of the Fair Judges were accepted for payment and their contracts are to be signed by Corporation Counsel. Barnett has had success in solicited donations from several Minocqua businesses. A fundraiser at Pat's Tavern will be held on Saturday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m. through the evening and there will be a raffle. Pat's will be running the events and will offer hotdogs and beverages. This is a first time event. Schoeneck Home Improvement is donating the construction of a portable stage at a cost of \$7,000 to \$8,000. Labor and materials included. Fair Committee has received money to sponsor the bands. The rock band Apollo's Beacon will be performing at the Fair. Seabloom reported that businesses are sponsoring bands through donations and it seems to be a trend they prefer. Linda Walker was voted onto the Fair Board Committee and will offer help with social media needs. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19.

Meeting with Mayor regarding use of Park for Fair:

Bob Mott met with the new mayor, Christopher Frederickson, who is very enthusiastic about the Fair and Pioneer Park. The council asked him to meet with Mott to talk about the lease that ends December 31, 2018. He is fine with the lease and everything, as it is now. He has asked about having a fair grounds in the future for the Oneida County Fair. He encouraged the County to continue to provide the funding the Fair which is giving \$16,000 this year. Mott asked Andrist and Barnett to connect with Frederickson to exchange ideas.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

- a. Monthly Budget Report –May 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders/vendor contracts
- c. Approve new committee members - none
- d. Line Item Transfers -none

Van Raalte/Winkler made a motion to accept consent agenda items a & b. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

- a. Approve out-of-county travel requests: Lehner Master Gardener.
- b. Approve monthly budget reports – May 2018
- c. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- d. Line-Item transfers – Video purchase

Jensen/Van Raalte moved to accept the consent agenda items as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

UW Extension Staffing Update- Steve Nelson:

Nelson said the 4-H Youth Position has been posted. The Price and Oneida Counties 4-H Coordinator position description was reviewed. It is a .5 position, serving in both counties, as a 100% position. The current Price County interim position will not carry over into this new educator position. Interviews will be held in Price County on July 31 or August 1. Both Mott and Van Raalte will attend the interviews at the Price County Courthouse. After interview, an offer will be made on August 2 with a start date of August 20. Duties in meantime (July 1-August 20) will be overseen by an Extension Liaison, Chris Viau. He will keep everything in order for the two counties. The Positive Youth Development is a separate educator position. Mott recognized the creativity involved in being a youth development educator and wondered what the status of this position is besides the teen court. There is update at this time. Nelson has contacted the State regarding how the position will be covered for the remainder of this year, and has not received an informative response. The State will only fill priority positions and they will pull back on other current vacancies. Feldman's youth development position is first one to be vacated so no precedence has been set. We do not know the status of the Positive Youth Development position. There are currently 30 county educator positions vacant throughout the State. The only programs that need addressing in Oneida County, are TAG (Teens Active in Government) and Teen Court. The Teen Court description is written as an independent contract agreement. Feldman will be a certified as a 4-H volunteer for the 4-H program. Restoring money to UW-Extension would help the positions to be filled. The two positions will be separate and if Feldman would have remained at her position full time, it ultimately would be two separate positions: 4-H and Positive Youth Development. Two people will perform the job instead of one.

Teen Court:

A draft outline of the Teen Court position was reviewed by Corporation Counsel and Desmond added several amendments. Standard contract language was used. Do we advertise the position? Desmond said there is no need to do this if posted internally. It was agreed that more people could apply if advertised to the public. They want to have it filled as soon as possible. Money for the position would come out of the 133 contract for remainder of this year. For 2019, this position could be a budget increase. The contract for Teen Court will be with the County not UW Extension. Nelson could not discuss any specific person for this job as it was not posted to do so. For this year it was decided not to post it internally because it would exclude any non-employees from the applicant pool. There is an allotment for \$5,000 for the next six months, coming from allocated money for 2018. Since this is an independent contract, it will not go through LRES. A motion was made by Van Raalte/Winkler to accept the 2018 Teen Court Coordinator as an independent contract and to appropriately post the position. All ayes; motion carried.

Agent Report- Master Gardener Facilitator Update-Merry Lehner:

The Master Gardener Level 1 is being held Thursday evenings at the Extension conference room. There are 10 students enrolled who are actively participating in labs and discussions, which makes it interesting and fun class. Two students are volunteering time at the Extension office taking horticulture inquiries and providing requested information. There have been some interesting cases coming into the office. A log of all Oneida County inquiries has been maintained since 2016. Last year a total of 1,297 volunteer hours of service were logged for Oneida County, as a whole.

Capital Improvements:

The Committee made a request for replacement of tables and chairs for the Extension Conference Room. The money in the past has made provision to help departments to cover projects and replacements through capital improvements. There is money set aside in the budget for this type of request. Nelson will forward the request to the Buildings and Grounds department. At one time the Airport was to remodel the conference room. Mott asked that Leitner be invited to discuss this and to formally hold introductions with the Committee.

Office Air Environment:

Three reports for the month of May. A copy of the log from 2016 to present was sent to Airport Manager, Matt Leitner.

Public Comment: Myles Alexander held a Jefferson Dinner, a program supported by the Village Square out of Washington DC, last Thursday, June 7. Debbie Valine, from the Rhinelander Library, and Myles invited a group to get together to talk about the opiate epidemic with the community. They invited the Sherriff’s department, Police department, Emergency Responders, a Public Defender, Social Services, and two people in recovery as well as two affected family members. The conversation went really well. It was nice to have the group together as a whole to discuss a topic where they normally would not have that opportunity to do so. They looked for people who would bring different prospective to the subject. The group learned and had a good time.

Winkler announced that due to low numbers, the Fair Talent Show for children from 2 to 12 years old and ages 13 to age 18 will be local rather than going through the State.

Items to Include on next Agenda: Act 134 Mining and Oneida County Ordinance amendment, Cost Share, LWCD update. Extension Teen court contract, 4-H position update, Capital Improvements new conference room furniture, Air environment. Invite OCEDC Director and Airport Manager to meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Jensen/Ives at 3:00 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott